Power Project by Daewoo Corporation at Korba

3475. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Daewoo Corporation of South Korea has entered into an agreement with Madhya Pradesh Government for Rs. 4,630 crore, 500 MW Power Project at Korba as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated 4th March, 1995;

(b) whether the M. P. Government has decided to purchase all the power produced by Daewoo at Korba;

(c) if so, what is the pricing formula for this power; and

(d) whether the State and/or Central Government have given any profit guarantees to Daewoo, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The Madhfa Pradesh Electricity Board, Government of Madhya Pradesh and M/s. Daewoo Corporation have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for setting up of the 2X250 MW Korba East Thermal Poer Project in District Bilaspur. Subsequently, M. P. Government has permitted M/s. Daewoo Corporation for setting up a 1000 MW (2X500 MW) Thermal Power Plant. The tentative cost of the project is indicated as Rs. 4630 crores.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) and (d) The pricing formula, the returns on investment etc. could be indicated on finalisation of the Power Purchase Agreement between Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB) and the Company.

Disruption in Southern power gril

3476. SHRI G. Y. KRISHANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been frequent disruptions in the Southern power grid during the last month;

(b) whether his Ministry had written to the Chief Ministers of the four Southern States to ensure grid discipline;

(c) which of the States are not following the arrangements on power sharing;

(d) the manner in which the Power Grid Corporation is enforcing grid discipline;

(e) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has threatened to withdraw from the grid and if so, the extent to which it would affect power supply to Karnataka; and

(f) whether Government propose to intervene in the present crisis of Southern power grid disruptions and if not, in what manner Government propose to tackle power trippings in the South?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Southern region had faced seven grid disturbances in March. 1995.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There have been overdrawals of share mainly by Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

(d) POWER GRID has been impressing upon the concerned constituent States of the Southern region to cooperate in the matter and to suitably restrict their load to maintain the

grid parameters and voltage profile. They had also advised the Southern Regional Load Despatch Centre to disconnect the substations at Gooty and Cuddapah in the event of low frequency conditions/persistent overdrawals.

(e) As a protest against continuous overdrawal by Andhra Pradesh, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board had expressed difficulties in synchronising their system with the grid. However, they have been cooperating and have remained connected with the southern grid.

(f) Government is fully seized of the problem and meetings have been held with the representative of the concernd States to ensure adherence to the grid discipline. They have also been advised to restrict the demand, avoid overdrawals and to install shunt capacitors of requisite capacities. The position is being constantly reviewed by the Government.

Subsidy to Jute Corporation of India

3477. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 343 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the details of the amount given to Jute Corporation of India by Government as subsidy during 1994-95;

(b) whether Government have released any funds for the current year to JCI; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) An amount of Rs. 18 crores was released to the Jute Corporation of India as subsidy against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 6 crores during the year 1994-95.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Revival of sick NTC mills

3478. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sent a proposal to the Cabinet to review the revival of sick NTC Mills, if so, whether that proposal has been rejected; and

(b) if so, the reasons for Government not reviewing the revival of sick NTC Mills and to bring them up?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) A revised turn around strategy for revival and modernisation of the NTC is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Jute collection fund

3479. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the formation of Jute Collection Fund for purchase of raw jute;

(b) whether Government have provided any fund to Jute Corporation of India Ltd. for purchase of raw jute during 1994-95; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) Government has no fund called "Jute Collection Fund".

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 18 crores was provided to the Jute Corporation of India against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 6 crores during the year 1994-95.